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MILAN, *September* 13.

THE Counteſs Darſa de gli Emili, of the City of Breſcia, having had ſome high Diſputes with her Brother, the Canon, with Reſpect to the Portion to be paid on their Marriage, took an Opportunity to kill him with a Piſtol while he was aſleep in his Bed. After committing the Fact ſhe fled to Placentia, where the Archduke cauſed her to be arreſted; and ſhe has ſince been conducted to Venice, in Order to take her Trial.

GENOA, *September* 16. The Captain of a Venetian Ship juſt arrived here from Liſbon reports that he ſaw in the Straits of Gibraltar twelve French Men of War, and likewiſe an Engliſh Squadron, who ſeemed all to be ſteering for the Levant. An Engliſh Merchant Ship from Larrach brings Word that the Emperour of Morocco had ordered all the Conſuls of different Nations to quit Tetuan, and go to Tangier.

BRANDENBURG, *September* 27. His Serene Highneſs Prince Ferdinand of Brunſwick is nominated Viceroy of the two Pruſſias, with twenty five Thouſand Crowns Appointment; and the Arrearages of all his Penſions (the Provoſtſhip of the Dome of Magdeburg excepted) to be paid him for ten Years paſt, being the Time ſince that Prince reſigned his Employments.

VIENNA, *October* 3. The War between the Ruſſians and Turks is likely to become more fierce and bloody than ever. It is ſaid that the former will be effectually ſupported by a powerful Ally.

HAMBURG, *October* 9. The Ruſſians and Turks are employed in reinforcing their Armies, with all poſſible Diligence. The Empreſs has raiſed fifty eight new Regiments, ſo that her Army, comprehending the thirty ſix Regiments that her Imperial Majeſty has in Finland, amounts to two Hundred Thouſand Men. She has cauſed thirty ſix Gallies, and eight Ships of the Line, to be built at Cronſtadt and Revel. The Ottoman Army has received Reinforcements ſufficient to make its Number of Men amount to two Hundred and fifty Thouſand, by the Arrival of Troops from Aſia, and ſome Thouſands from Boſnia.

COPENHAGEN, *September* 26. A Revolution in Norway could never have been ſo dangerous as in this critical Time, when its neighbouring State, Sweden, is under an abſolute Monarchy, and Denmark under a moſt deplorable State of Anarchy. The greateſt Part of our Forces is ordered for Norway, notwithſtanding the German Provinces being in Danger, our Government finding it more neceſſary to preſerve their Dominions in Norway.

LONDON, *October* 9.

IN Conſequence of the Flame rekindled between the Ruſſians and Turks, we hear that warm Invitations are arrived from Peterſburg for Engliſh naval Officers, and it is ſaid that ſeveral are applying at the Admiralty for Permiſſion to enter into the Service of her Imperial Majeſty.

Admiral Knowles, the ſame Account informs us, is now a greater Favourite than ever with the Czarina; and it is added, that Miſs Knowles, his Daughter, who is already appointed Maid of Honour to the Empreſs, will ſpeedily be inveſted with the Order of St. Anne, a Badge of Diſtinction generally conferred on none but the firſt Perſons of Merit or Family in the Empire.

Extract of a Letter from Rome, *September* 4.

"You have no Doubt long ago heard of Prince Charles's Marriage to the Princeſs of Stolberg, their ſplendid Entry into this City, and the Pleaſure which was expreſſed by all Ranks of People on that Event. What is more remarkable, which I can neither account for nor forbear mentioning, is that the Roman and Italian Nobility, who ſome Time before theſe Nuptials took Place affected to decline all Intercourſe with him, now ſeem to vie with each other who ſhall ſhow the greateſt Reſpect to the illuſtrious Pair. So different, indeed, is the Face of Affairs with Regard to this Prince, that One is apt to imagine our Court no longer interferes in putting any Reſtraint upon the Nobility reſpecting their Conduct towards him. It is aſſerted by ſome Politicians at the Engliſh Coffee-houſe here, and they even ſeriouſly believe, that the Courts of Vienna and Berlin have interpoſed in this Affair. The Princeſs is almoſt adored wherever ſhe appears, ſo amiable is the Elegance of her Manners and winning Affability."

They adviſe from the Hague, that large Quantities of Gunpowder, Saltpetre, &c. are now buying in Holland for the Uſe of his Pruſſian Majeſty.

The King of Pruſſia has given Orders for raiſing fifteen new Regiments, five of which are filled up from the Supernumeraries of other Regiments. They were all to be completed by the Beginning of this Month, in Order to take Poſſeſſion of his new Acquiſitions in Poliſh Pruſſia.

It was in general remarked that the Mob was never ſo wantonly miſchievous as on Tueſday Night laſt, when they compelled the Inhabitants of this Metropolis to illuminate their Houſes on Account of Mr. Wilkes being elected Lord Mayor. They would not give the People Time to put up their Lights, but broke the Windows firſt, and then called to them to light up; thus they ſerved great Numbers of reputable Houſekeepers in Fleet Street, Holborn, the Strand, &c.

It is ſaid that the Tallow Chandlers are determined to have an excellent Statue of Mr. Wilkes, all in Tallow; and the Glaziers, not to be behind with them, will have another in Glaſs. Quere, which will laſt longeſt?

A Correſpondent obſerves, that in Order to prevent Emigration the legiſlative Power ought, by all poſſible Means, to remove the material Cauſe, Poverty and Diſcontent; and this is only to be done by opening and balancing of Trade, encouraging and ſupporting Artificers and Manufacturers, improving of Huſbandry and Cultivation of Lands, ſuppreſſing Luxury and Profuſion by ſumptuary Laws and good Examples, baniſhing Sloth and Idleneſs, regulating the Price of Commodities, and moderating Taxes and Duties. A Surcharge of People may be dangerous to a State, but that is by no Means our preſent Caſe; for although it be true that moſt of our Cities are of late greatly augmented, and the Number of People greatly increaſed in them, yet it is no leſs true there are not ſo many People in the Kingdom as there were ſome Years ago, and the Difficulties of living have continually augmented as the People diminiſhed. For ſome Years paſt our People have been migrating to the Eaſt Indies, and to our Colonies of America, by Choice; and the Dearth of Proviſions is now driving them off by Force. The Obſtacles to Matrimony increaſing to thoſe that are left behind, Depopulation muſt of Courſe ſucceed. Let us ſuppoſe, in this Caſe, a numerous Nobility and Gentry, a Number of rich Merchants, and ſuppoſe Money to be the Sinews of War; yet, if the Sinews of Mens Arms are wanting, Money would be only an Invitation to a foreign Foe to ſeize it, and the Kingdom both. It is the Buſineſs of a King, the Duty of a Miniſtry, and a legiſlative Power, to remove the Cauſes, and prevent the Effects.

Letters from Madrid ſay that Prince Maſſerano, who lately reſided here as Ambaſſadour from that Court, is likely to be called to an Account for giving up to the Britiſh Court ſome particular Points with Regard to the prior Right to Falkland Iſlands. The ſame Letters ſay, that the greateſt Preparations are making for War that were ever known in that Kingdom; and that their naval Force is much ſtronger than ever it was before, having been augmenting of it ever ſince the Concluſion of the laſt War.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ſent Orders to Portſmouth, Chatham, and Plymouth, to work double Tides, till the Ships that are fitting out for Sea are quite completed, being ordered to rendezvous at Spithead as ſoon as poſſible.

All the Sloops that are at Plymouth are ordered to be rigged and fitted out for Sea immediately.

A Letter from Milan, dated September 5th, ſays: "We are alarmed here with a Report that the Courts of Sardinia, Spain, and France, jealous of the immenſe Power accruing to the Emperour from his new Poliſh Territories, are going to make a Diverſion againſt him, by attacking the Auſtrian Dominions in Italy."

It is remarkable that the Dutch receive, at an Average, forty ſix Thouſand Pounds a Year of us, for the ſimple Article of Eels only.

Lord Groſvenor lately ſent his Lady an elegant Vis a Vis, with proper Attendants, to deſire her Return home; ſhe kept the Equipage, but ſent his Lordſhip Word that they were better aſunder."

October 10. The Conqueſts which the Ruſſians have made are too remote for them to keep; thoſe Countries would be more chargeable than uſeful to them. They wanted to have other Indemniſications in their Room, but the Turks are not inclined to liſten to that. They will not give Money, becauſe that would be putting Arms into the Enemy's Hands againſt themſelves; nor permit the Navigation of the Black Sea, becauſe Conſtantinople would be too much expoſed, and the Ruſſians might every Day alarm that Capital with a Fleet; nor declare the Crimea independent, as they would thereby deprive themſelves of the ſtrongeſt Bulwark they have againſt the Ruſſians; nor, finally, and above all, permit the diſmembering of Poland, which would deprive them of the moſt ſecure Frontier that they have to the north of their Empire.

The Emperour of Germany pretends to be offended with the Turks for breaking off the Treaty, and will certainly make that a Pretext to operate jointly with the Ruſſians, and will no Doubt ſeize on the moſt important Places that are contiguous to the hereditary Dominions. Surrounded thus by foreign Enemies, and torn to Pieces by inteſtine Broils, the Turkiſh Empire will ſtand but on a tottering Foundation; but for the Sake of Thouſands, who muſt fall in the great Conflict, we hope the Sword of War will continue in the Sheath of Peace, and be no more drawn.

Letters from Dantzick ſay that his Pruſſian Majeſty is expected there to receive the Homage of that City.

By Advices from Madrid we learn that Advice has lately been received from Ceuta that a ſevere Battle had lately been fought near that Place between the Spaniſh and Mooriſh Armies, in which the latter proved victorious.

We are informed that the Parliament will meet, for the Deſpatch of Buſineſs, the 24th of next Month.

On Thurſday Evening a young Lady, Daughter of a Gentleman in Great George Street, Weſtminſter, eloped with her Father's Footman, and carried off Notes to the Amount of fifteen Hundred Pounds; and yeſterday her Father cut his Throat, in ſo dangerous a Manner that his Life is deſpaired of.

October 16. The high Strain in which the Turkiſh Plenipotentiary lately ſpoke at the Congreſs with the Ruſſians, on the Baſis of a Pacification, is generally attributed to the Intrigues of the Pruſſian Machiavel; for the Turks, vanquiſhed as they have been repeatedly, would doubtleſs be glad to conclude an unproſperous War, had they not ſecret Aſſurances that the Ruſſians would be attacked by a freſh Enemy. The Attack upon the Grand Duke's Territories now explains the whole Secret, and poſſibly may kindle the Flame of a general War in Europe much ſooner than was expected by the deepeſt Politicians of the Continent.

Extract of a Letter from Copenhagen, *October* 6.

"All our Advices from the North have a warlike Appearance. At Hamburg, Altena, in the Holſtein, Dantzick, and Bremen, are Ruſſian, Auſtrian, Daniſh, Swediſh, and Pruſſian Officers, raiſing Recruits; and as Trade is dead, and Proviſions ſcarce, they meet with great Succeſs. In Denmark and Sweden, as well as in Ruſſia, they are fitting out Ships with the utmoſt Expedition; the Dutchy of Holſtein is very likely to be attacked by Ruſſia, and Norway by Sweden, and his Pruſſian Majeſty will probably not be idle on this Occaſion. In ſhort, ſome Politicians think that there will be a general War in Europe. The Accounts we received by the laſt Poſts are, that the Courts of Ruſſia, Berlin, and Sweden, have made an Alliance: Sweden makes Pretenſions to Finland, and Pruſſia to Pomerania; but Pruſſia is to pay four Millions of Roubles to Ruſſia."

Letters by the foreign Mails yeſterday declare that a Body of forty Thouſand Pruſſians was in full March for Hamburg, which ſeems to indicate that City will not long continue under its preſent Form of Government.

It is reported that a northern Monarch has lately wrote a Letter to a great Perſonage in which he ſays he wiſhes ardently that a proper Reconciliation with his Queen could be effected.

The Lords of the Admiralty have given Orders for all the Men of War under ſecond Rates to be provided with long Oars for rowing, in Caſe of Calms. Several Pairs are fabricating in Portſmouth Yard for that Purpoſe.

Within theſe few Days thirty Surgeons have been taken from the Halfpay Liſt, to ſerve on Board his Majeſty's Ships now fitting out at Portſmouth, Plymouth, and Chatham.

The Treasury Board sat this Morning, and we hear, among other Things, took into Consideration the present State of Grain in this Kingdom; a most alarming Scarcity being apprehended during the Course of the Winter, and few Supplies being expected from Dantzick, which is now in the Hands of his Prussian Majesty.

Extract of a Letter from Hamburg, *dated the 9th Instant.*

"It gives me great Concern that I am obliged to acquaint you that Messr. ═══ have this Morning stopped Payment, and I am afraid their Affairs are in so bad a Situation that they will not be able to make up Matters so as to go on again. I hope your Connections with them were not great, for it is said they have failed for near two Hundred Thousand Pounds."

The late Failure of a great House in Holland has greatly chagrined some of the Leaders in a certain Company, as they had speculated to a vast Amount on the Ability of it.

The Price of Corn being reduced in Mark Lane, the Lord Mayor this Day made an Order for lowering the Price of Bread Half an Assize, or a Penny on the Peck Loaf, which will take Place to-morrow.

They write from Dublin that salted Provisions, Butter, &c. have lately been advanced upwards of fifteen per Cent. on Account of the large Quantities bought up for Exportation by Dutch, Danish, and French Agents, to their respective West India Settlements.

Letters from the Hague say that a large Body of Austrian Troops is marching from Hungary towards the Frontiers of Turkey, in Order to support Count Romanzow in his Operations; so that the Court of Vienna has at last taken off the Mask.

They write from Stockholm that General Sprengsport is now forming a Camp on the Borders of Norway.

A Letter from Dantzick mentions that the Tax upon French Wines is ordered to be doubled.

A Number of Sailors, in Order to raise their Wages, have come to a Resolution that no English Ship shall go out of the River with foreign Seamen on Board. They have gone about ever since Saturday, obliging all English Sailors to join them. They threaten to pull down the Houses of those Persons who board and lodge foreign Sailors, till they can place them in a Ship, and then take their Wages to pay them their Demands. They went about in a large Body, with Colours flying, which threw the Inhabitants in Wapping, Tower Hill, &c. into such a Consternation, that the Headboroughs, Constables, Watchmen, &c. were called out to prevent any Mischief being done.

The Piquet Guard at the Tower was turned out this Morning, in Order to be in Readiness to prevent any Riots among the Sailors.

It is said that yesterday ten or twelve Cutters came up the River, in Order to take into his Majesty's Service such of the above Rioters as were fit for that Purpose.

Tuesday last died, at his Seat at Bagshot Park, the Right Honourable George Keppel, Earl of Albemarle, Viscount Bury, a Lieutenant General, Colonel of the 3d or King's own Regiment of Dragoons, and Governour of Jersey. His Lordship was born April 8th, 1722, and is succeeded in Title and Estate by his Son, an Infant.

The Prussian Alexander, the Legislator of Germany, the Scourge of his Neighbours, the Master of Politicks of Europe, has at last resolved to discover his Scheme, by sending a large Body of Troops into the Dutchy of Holstein, namely into that Part belonging to the Grand Duke. Our Merchants have Commissions from the Agents for the Prussian Army to provide Magazines of every Kind necessary for a large Body of Troops in their March, through this Dutchy. These Magazines are to be stationed upon different Roads in the Way to Holstein; but as we see the Alliance between Prussia and Russia concerning the Affairs of Poland, we rather believe that the neighbouring Provinces, as Danish Holstein, Sleswick, Gotorp, and Jutland, would have more Reason to prepare for warlike Resistance, as these Provinces are in the Hands of the King of Denmark, from the Beginning to the present Moment, by an illegal Possession. For after the Death of Frederick I. in the Year 1533, he left three Princes, when it was supposed that the hereditary Prince would be King of Denmark, and his two Brothers, one Duke of Sleswick, and the other Duke of Holstein; but the Hereditary Prince, under the Pretence that the Kingdom of Denmark appertained to him as his own Right, first availed himself of Denmark, and then of a third Part of the Dutchies of Holstein and Sleswick, and accordingly it was divided by the Hand of Force till the Year 1673, when Prince Charles Frederick of Gotorp, dying in his Minority, the King of Denmark took Possession of the whole Dutchy of Sleswick by Force, and at the Conclusion of the northern Peace, in the Year 1720, all these good Provinces were incorporated into the Danish Empire under the Guarantee of Great Britain, notwithstanding the lawful Claims of the House of Gotorp. Therefore the Prussian Hero thinks now is the best Time and Opportunity to make Use of that political Law, to oppose Force against Force, and Usurpation against Usurpation.

The enterprising Spirit of his Prussian Majesty has alarmed the various Courts of the Continent to such a Degree, that Nothing but Meetings of their several Cabinets, in the most serious Stile of Deliberation, has taken Place for several Weeks. But the ultima ratio regum, which the deep-designing Frederick constantly keeps on Foot in a standing Army, renders him quite composed; and he is certain, if the least agreeable Side of the Alternative, a War, should occur, that he may depend upon his evident Superiority, not only in Discipline but in Numbers.

If the King of Prussia's Plan of Operations are not impeded by any superiour Power, who may look upon him with a jealous Eye, he will, in all Probability, be the most powerful Prince in Europe. The Kingdom of Poland will soon be in his Hands; and it is said he has laid a Scheme that will insure him the Assistance of Denmark, and have them devoted to him at any Time. When this Period is arrived, his other Neighbours must look sharp about them to maintain the smallest Share of Consequence.

The celebrated Fenelon pathetically exclaims in his Telemachus, "Alas for that Nation whose Prince is a Hero!" This Exclamation was never more applicable than to the Subjects of his Prussian Majesty; their Prince is a Hero, but they are constantly the Worse for his Heroism, and find that their Happiness is a trifling Circumstance indeed when balanced in the Scale of Glory against his Schemes of accumulating Greatness.

The marching of several Regiments to the Estates of the House of Austria in Italy, the Activity with which they continue working at the Fortress of Milan, the Motion of the Commissaries of War, and in short the different Things purchased for the Soldiery at the last Fair of Bregance, such as Cloth for their Uniforms, Sabres, Swords, Hatchets, &c. give Room for many Conjectures which Time alone will clear up.

A Friend of Lord Bute's said jocosely to him last Week, "My Lord, suppose you make Wilkes a Present of a Set of Scots Greys?" "That will be quite useless (replied his Lordship) when he has so many Sets of English Blacks."

Recent Letters from Berlin mention that the King of Prussia was preparing to set out to meet the King of Denmark, to hold a personal Conference upon the Subject of an important Treaty negotiating between those two Powers.

October 16. Orders are sent to Hanover to keep the Troops in constant Discipline, and to complete the Number of every Regiment with all Expedition. This looks as if the Storm gathering in the North was speedily expected to burst, and threatened to be very hostile to a favourite Electorate.

If Mr. Wilkes be Lord Mayor, the Plan agreed on is for him to purchase some old Brewhouse, or Warehouse, and turn nominal Trader, and then break; in which Case he will be entitled to four Hundred Pounds a Year ever after; a Sum that, joined to the Annuity he purchased with Lord Halifax's four Thousand Pounds, may possibly keep him out of a Jail till the Rockingham Administration comes into Play again, and once more pension our inflexible Patriot.

Extract of a Letter from Vienna, *October* 3.

"Very material Alterations are now going forward in the Imperial Dominions, as well in the civil Administration as in the military. The Emperour himself is to take the supreme Command of his Army, and General Haddick is to be second in Command. In short, every Method is now taking to put every Part of the Imperial Dominions, Army, Finances, &c. on the most respectable Footing.

By Advices from Vienna we learn that the Emperour has ordered the Army now under the Command of General Haddick, in Poland, to go into Winter Quarters in that Kingdom.

They write from Vienna that fifty Thousand Stands of Arms have been brought up the Danube from Holland, besides a considerable Quantity of Artillery from Tirol.

If the last Advices from Sweden are to be depended upon, the King has at present the Power in his Hands; but the Nobility are not idle, and a Conspiracy on their Part may be as suddenly executed as on the Part of the Sovereign.

Extract of a Letter from Copenhagen, *October* 3.

"The Affairs of the North of Europe begin to take a very serious Turn. The Empress of Russia, in certain Expectation of a renewed War with the Turks, is not only making the most vigorous Preparations herself, but has required all her Allies to furnish her with the stipulated Succours either of Men or Money. As our Kingdom is among her Imperial Majesty's Allies, we are bound to send her six Thousand Men, or sixty Thousand Crowns, every Year during the War. As so large a Sum would by no Means suit the disordered State of our Finances, we hear that the Court has resolved to pay her Contingent in Men, though how soon they may want them themselves Heaven knows."

They write from Vienna that the States of Hungary have agreed to fit out an Army of forty Thousand Men at their own Expense, upon Condition that the respective Provinces of Hungary be exempted of all Duties upon Goods and Merchandise coming from the City of Vienna, during a Period of ten Years.

From the Danube, *October* 1. The Russians have been busied all this Summer sending large Magazines of Ammunition, &c. towards the Danube, in Order to make an early Campaign; and as the Affairs of Poland are in a Manner settled, the Russians can employ all their Force another Way. The Turks have likewise been repairing their Fortifications, and reinforcing their Army. Many English and French are employed by them, Night and Day, in their Magazines and upon their Wharfs. Ammunition has been bought up in all Parts of Sweden, and other States, for Constantinople. The Russian Preparations as well by Sea as Land, and the large Train of Artillery sent to the Frontiers of Hungary, Sevenburga, &c. do not seem to indicate a Peace. The Plan of the Russian Operations seems to be to bring the Grand Viziar between two Fires, as, since the Suspension of Arms, the Fleet in the Black Sea has landed a vast Number of Men, at the Mouth of the Danube.

October 23. The unpopular Aldermen have already made Objections to two Hundred and fifty of Mr. Wilkes's Votes, but the Scrutiny to put in these Objections formally does not commence till next Saturday.

Notwithstanding what has been said against Lord North, it is an undoubted Fact that he does every Thing in his Power to reduce the Price of Provisions; and we are well informed, that, upon the Meeting of Parliament, he is determined to stop the Distillation of Barley.

It is generally believed that some secret Compact has been very recently established between the French and Prussian Courts, a Circumstance in no Degree pleasing to the present Ministry.

They write from Dunkirk that an Embargo is laid on all Vessels at Brest and St. Maloes, in Order to man a Squadron which is fitting out at the same Port.

The favourite Scheme of the Ministry is now an Union with Ireland, for effecting which proper Measures are said to have been concerted, and are to be carried into Execution by Lord Harcourt; but it is the Opinion of the Politicians on this Side the Water that the Irish will most strenuously oppose every Attempt of that Sort, as it will be a certain Means to lessen their Importance.

They write from Copenhagen that the Court has just taken six Regiments of Hessian Troops into their Pay.

Very disagreeable News is said to have been received on Friday Night from the Continent: The Swedes have already begun to approach towards the Frontiers of Norway, and the Emperour of Germany towards the Russian Dominions.

It is a probable Opinion that the King of Sweden will take Care to settle Affairs in his own Kingdom before he attempts any Thing against his Neighbours. The Danes, however, by their great Zeal in sending Troops to Norway, seem to have Fears for that Kingdom, and at all Events are determined to put it in the best Posture of Defence.

Some Letters from Hamburg intimate that the Inhabitants of Norway, not being pleased with their present Government, have offered to put themselves under the Protection of Sweden; which was the Reason that the Court of Copenhagen was sending Troops that Way, to keep the Norwegians in Awe.

We hear from Petersburg that the Empress, in Consequence of a War between Denmark and Sweden, must take Part with the former, owing to a Guarantee Treaty between them.

The Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz has recalled all his Forces out of the Service of France and Spain, in Order to employ them at Home. The Commotions in the North are certainly the Cause of this Procedure.

There have been a considerable Number of Press Warrants lately made out, but none are yet issued, though it is expected there will be a Call for them by the End of this Month.

A Letter from Dantzick mentions that five Thousand of the Prussian Cavalry have been safely quartered on the Inhabitants of that City for the Winter.

We learn from Copenhagen that the King has given the Command of all his Armies to his Brother Prince Frederick.

The Esplanade, a French Man of War of fifty Guns, was drove ashore on Friday last on the Cornish Coast, when she bulged and went to Pieces.

They write from Warsaw that several Bodies of Polish Troops are now raising in every Part of the Kingdom, by Order of the King of Poland.

Last Sunday died the once gay, the once beautiful, Lucy Cooper. Her Life was exceptionable, her Death exemplary. She saw her Foibles, and repented of them.

A few Days since died at Norwich Mr. Bland, an eminent Clothier, reckoned worth upwards of fifty Thousand Pounds, but was so penurious that he would scarce allow himself common Necessaries.

The celebrated Choiseul, late Prime Minister of France, being a few Weeks ago asked why he ceded so amazing a Tract of Country as all Canada to Great Britain by the last Peace, replied, "I ceded it on Purpose to destroy the English Nation: They were fond of American Dominions, and I was resolved they should have enough; for I have given them not only a constant Drain for their most valuable Inhabitants, but a formidable Rival, which in less than a Century will find full Employment for the Councils of that turbulent People." Choiseul's Words are already prophetick: Our own Ministers begin to discover that America is a very problematick Benefit to England, and Lord Hillsborough actually resigned because we were opening on the Ohio fresh Graves for the Inhabitants of this Kingdom.

It is said that General Monkton is to have the Command of the Forces in India, and that he is already approved of by his Majesty.

By a Gentleman just arrived from Berlin we learn that the Part of the Polish Dominions lately seized by the King of Prussia is an immense Acquisition; the Town of Dantzick alone, with the new Taxes imposed on Trade, will amount to near Half a Million Sterling yearly. Besides, this enterprising Monarch has it now in his Power, in bad Years, to starve the Half of Europe, or raise the Price of Grain to what Price he pleases, as all the Livonian and other Polish Grain is exported from Dantzick, and his other new acquired Territories. The Prussian Troops are at this Time one Hundred and sixteen Thousand effective Men, ready to march on the shortest Notice; and the victorious Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick is again entered into the Prussian Service.

October 24. There are Letters in Town from the East Indies which mention that a Battle had been fought in Bengal, the Beginning of March, between our Ally, the Nabob Sujah Dowlah, and Shah Allum, wherein the English Nabob was routed, having lost five Thousand Men in the Battle, and that Shah Allum was marching towards Calcutta. Whether any English Troops were in this Battle, we have not been able to learn, or to get farther Particulars.

Lord Hillsborough has sent a Plan to Lord Dartmouth for making several salutary and necessary Regulations in Regard to the American Colonies, and recommended it to his Lordship to bring the same under the Consideration of Parliament, after making such Alterations and Amendments as may seem necessary.

October 25. Advices by this Day's Holland Mail mention that the whole Russian Army had passed the Danube, and that a very considerable Body of Troops of the same Nation which were in Poland was actually in full March for Moldavia.

It is said that Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick has left the Court of Berlin hastily, and retired to Lunenburg.

There were no less than seventy Couple asked for Marriage on Shoreditch Church on Sunday last; almost incredible, yet true.

A Woman has been delivered in Sweden of seven Children in the Course of nineteen Months, four at one Birth, and three at another. The Account of this extraordinary Instance of Fruitfulness adds, that they, with the Mother, are all likely to do well.

ST. JAMES's, *October* 22. The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Henry Seymour Conway, General of his Majesty's Forces, the Office of Governour and Captain of the Isle of Jersey and Castle of Gouray, alias Montorguel and Elizabeth.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Lieutenant General Sir Jeffery Amherst, Knight of the Bath, the Office and Place of Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Ordnance.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 31.

BY the Unity, Goosley, arrived at York, in six Weeks from London, we have received Papers as late as the 2d of November, from which we have copied the following Extract of the Account of the Proceedings at Guildhall on the 29th of October last:

"Yesterday, at twelve o'Clock the Sheriffs and Attendants came on the Hustings, when Mr. Sheriff Oliver informed the Livery, that "the Court of Aldermen were then met, and begged their Patience till one o'Clock;" at which Time the Town Clerk came forward, and declared, that the Poll, after the nicest Enquiry, was in Favour of the Aldermen Wilkes and Townsend; that the Numbers on the Scrutiny stood the same as at the Conclusion of the Poll, and that they were returned to the Court of Aldermen for their Determination. At two o'Clock the Lord Mayor came on the Hustings, and the proper Officer declared to the Livery that the Court had discovered a Majority in Favour of Alderman Townsend, and that they had made Choice of him to be Lord Mayor for the Year ensuing. When the Declaration was made in Favour of Alderman Townsend, there was a great Confusion in the Hall for some Time, as the Friends of that Gentleman clapped and huzzaed, and those of Alderman Wilkes hissed and hooted, which some Time after subsided."

The Muir, Richardson, from London, arrived in Rappahannock, on the 11th Instant, in Latitude 25, Longitude 69, spoke the Charming Nancy, Priddle, belonging to Philadelphia, and bound for Hispaniola, then very leaky.

The Phenix, Lamont, belonging to Glasgow, and bound for James River, was cast away last Saturday Sennight, in a Gale of Wind, on Matchapungo Shoals, about fifteen Leagues to the Northward of the Capes; the Vessel and most of the Cargo lost, but the People saved.

Deaths.] Doctor JAMES BLAIR, of this City, at Doctor Gilmour's in Albemarle, where he lately went upon a Visit.

Mr. JAMES MILNER, Attorney at Law in Halifax, North Carolina, by a Fall from his Horse, which fractured his Skull.

Advertisements.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 31, 1772.

JUST IMPORTED, in the *Unity*, Captain *Goosley*, from *London*, an Assortment of almost all Sorts of GARDEN SEEDS, with various Sorts of PEAS and BEANS, and red and white CLOVER SEED. Likewise, from *Liverpool*, a fine Assortment of TABLE LINEN of all Sizes, consisting of Damask, Dornock, Diaper, and Dimity; also a large Quantity of CHESHIRE CHEESE, sold reasonable by (1) ALLAN & TURNER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 31, 1772.

JUST arrived, in the *Unity*, Captain *Goosley*, and to be sold at *John Carter*'s Store, for ready Money, a Variety of fresh GARDEN SEEDS, namely, Early Golden Hotspur Peas, Early Charlton Peas, *Ledman*'s Dwarf Peas, short Sugar Peas, Dwarf Marrow Peas, Long Pod Beans, *Windsor* Beans, *Canterbury* Dwarf Kidney Beans, Silver Skin Onion Seed, Carrot Seed, white round Turnip Seed, Salmon Radish Seed, Spinnage, solid Celery, curled Parsley, curled Cress, Early Dwarf Sugar Loaf Cabbage, large Ditto, large *English* Ditto, best Colliflower Seed, purple and green Broccoli, white Cos Lettice, *Silesia* Ditto, best Hyson Teas at eighteen, twenty, and twenty two Shillings and Sixpence a Pound, Bohea Tea at five Shillings, best Jar Raisins and Currens, white and brown Sugar Candy, and a Variety of Paper Hangings.

DECEMBER 26, 1772.

AS the Day appointed for the Sale of our Land, Forge, Mill, &c. was very bad, we have postponed the Sale till the 30th of next Month, when we purpose to sell according to our former Advertisement. PHILIP P. EDMONDSON.
(2‖) JOHN RUFFIN.

*** I also have a Piece of LAND in *Middlesex*, containing about three Hundred and twenty Acres, which I will sell that Day very cheap. Part the Money to be paid down. PHILIP P. EDMONDSON.

JONATHAN PROSSER,
TAILOR,
WILLIAMSBURG,

RETURNS Thanks to his Customers, and others from whom he has received Favours, and begs Leave to acquaint them that he continues his Business in all its Branches, which, from many Years Experience in *London*, he is bold to say he understands as well as any Man in *Europe*, and has given the greatest Satisfaction to all Gentlemen of Fashion and Dignity who have been pleased to employ him in *Virginia*. In Order to enable him the better to fulfil his Engagements, as well as to support his Family, he gives this publick Notice, that he is determined to work for none but such as choose to pay him upon the Delivery of their Clothes. The many bad Payments he has laboured under induces him to take this Method, on Account of which he has suffered by Lawsuits, as well as for Family Necessaries, which are almost innumerable, and demand immediate Cash. If any Gentlemen please to employ him upon these Terms they shall have their Business well executed, without any Disappointments; and those who are indebted to him are desired to make immediate Payment, to prevent Suits being commenced against them.

☞ I will pay twelve Shillings and Sixpence weekly to Journeymen who understand their Business well.
JONATHAN PROSSER.

JOHN BRUCE, M. A.

WILL give very good Encouragement to a Person of irreproachable Morals, capable of assisting him to teach the GREEK, LATIN, and ENGLISH LANGUAGES. Such a Person's being acquainted with the different Branches of the MATHEMATICKS, and excelling in WRITING, will be an additional Recommendation. Application may be made to himself, at his own Room, over against the Church, Head of *Cumberland* Street, *Norfolk*.

COBHAM, *December* 31, 1772.

AS the Time of Credit allowed at the Sales of the Estate of the deceased *James R. Bradly* expired the 25th of this Month, and as the Creditors promise no longer Indulgence, Notice is hereby given to all Persons indebted on that, or any other Account, to make immediate Payment, otherwise they must expect to be called upon in a more rigorous Manner. The Gentlemen who purchased at the Sales in the Counties of *Amelia* and *Cumberland* are requested to discharge their Bonds before or at the next ensuing *January* Meeting of the Merchants in *Williamsburg*, where I will attend for that Purpose. The Creditors who have not already are now desired to make known their Claims, in Order to a Settlement. WILLIAM HAY.

PETERSBURG, *December* 16, 1772.

LANDED from on Board the *Brilliant*, Captain *Bennit*, from *Glasgow*, a Hundred and ten IRON POTS, ten SKILLETS, six Pair of FIRE DOGS, and three Faggots of STEEL, for which no Bills of Lading were granted. Any Person or Persons having a Property in these Articles are desired to apply to
EDWARD BRISBANE

CEDAR POINT WAREHOUSE, *near* PETERSBURG, DECEMBER 16, 1772.

WHEREAS *James Foster*, on the 4th Instant, came to the said Warehouse, and, after many Hogsheads of Tobacco had been inspected and entered as usual on our Book, applied to us for Notes for four Hogsheads numbered as follows:

No.	G.	T.	N.
560	1255	132	1123,
561	1200	125	1075,
562	1175	128	1047,
563	1240	131	1109,

alleging that the same were his Property, and no Person appearing to contradict his Claim, we, not suspicious of any fraudulent Design in him, gave Notes accordingly, but in some short Time after one of the real Proprietors came to the said Warehouse, asserted and proved his Right to one of the said Hogsheads of Tobacco, and informed us that others had the same Right to other of the above described Hogsheads: The Intention of this Advertisement is therefore to guard any Person from Imposition by purchasing the said Notes, or any of them, as they will not be delivered under the Notes so fraudulently obtained by the said *Foster*, as we do not know that either of the Hogsheads were really his, but have good Reason to suspect the contrary. WILLIAM EPPES,
(2‖) WILLIAM PEGRAM, } Inspectors.

TAKEN from off the Table at *Crutchfield*'s Warehouse, in *Hanover* County, the 15th of this Instant *(December)* a Note for four Hogsheads of Tobacco, signed *Clarke* and *Wingfield*, which are marked and numbered as follows.

No. 1——1210——150——1060.
2——1290——167——1123.
3——1275——135——1140.
4——1289——137——1152.

All Persons are hereby forewarned from purchasing the above Tobacco Note, unless it be from the right Owner.
(1‖) JOSEPH ISBELL.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* Europe,

THE Ship MERMAID, *Joseph Vowell* Master, Burthen about four Hundred Hogsheads. For Terms apply to the Subscriber, in *Norfolk*. (TF) JOHN GREENWOOD.

Who has for Sale a Quantity of small SALT, imported in the said Ship from *Liverpool*.

To be LET *on* CHARTER, *for* London *or* Glasgow,

THE Ship VULTURE, *John Sowin* Master, now lying in *Appamattox* River, Burthen about four Hundred Hogsheads. For Terms apply to the Captain on Board, or the Subscriber, in *Petersburg*.
(2) RICHARD BOOKER.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Port in* GREAT BRITAIN,

THE Brigantine RENFREW, about four Hundred Hogsheads Burthen, a new Vessel, *Boston* built, now lying at *Norfolk*. Apply to Mr. *James Lyle*, Merchant in *Manchester*, *James River*, or Mr. *James Ingram*, Merchant in *Norfolk*. (1)

To be SOLD *by publick Auction, on the Premises, on* Wednesday *the* 27*th of* January, *pursuant to a Decree of the County Court of* James City,

THE HOUSES and LOT, on the main Street in the City of *Williamsburg*, where the late Mrs. *Catherine Blaikley*, deceased, lived, adjoining the Lots of Mr. *Charles Taliaferro*, and opposite those of *John Blair*, Esquire. Six Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaser, on giving Bond, with good Security, to THOMPSON SWANN.

RUN away from the Subscriber, in *King William*, on the 23d Instant *(December)* a yellow Negro Fellow named ÆNEAS, very stout, and well made, has a few Pits of the Smallpox in his Face, and is by Trade a Gardener. He had committed a Robbery, and expected to suffer for it, which was the Cause of his Elopement. It is expected he carried with him a sorrel HORSE about fourteen Hands high, with a flaxen Main and Tail, undocked, and I fear will endeavour immediately to get out of the Colony. I will give a genteel Reward to any Person who will apprehend and deliver to me the said Fellow and Horse, and I do expressly forewarn all Masters of Vessels from carrying him out of the Country. CARTER BRAXTON.

COMMITTED to the Jail of *Middlesex*, two Negroes; one of them is a short black Fellow, named WATCH, and formerly belonged to *James Mills*, Esquire, of *Urbanna*, who sold him to *Edmund Wilcox* of *Amherst*; the other is a middle sized Mulatto Fellow, named BARNABY, who formerly belonged to Mr. *Augustine Smith* of this County, but now says he belongs to Mr. *Thomas Crawford* of *Brunswick*. The Owners may have them on proving their Properties, and paying Charges to
(2‖) JAMES WORTHAM, Jailer.

WHEREAS *Thomas Owen* of *Pittsylvania* has my Bond for a Hundred and ten Pounds, in Consideration of a Tract of Land in *Prince Edward*, for which he can make no legal Right, I take this Method to inform the Publick not to take an Assignment of the same, as I will not pay it before a just Title is obtained.
WILLIAM WOOTTEN.

On Monday *the* 25*th of* January *next (being* Middlesex *Court Day) will be sold to the highest Bidder*,

A TRACT of very fine LAND, containing six Hundred and twenty four Acres, agreeably situated on the River *Pianketank*, and convenient to Church, Mill, and Warehouse. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Bond, with approved Security; which is to carry Interest from the Date, if not punctually discharged.
(2‖) CHURCHILL & WILLIAM JONES.

To be SOLD, *at the late Dwelling-House of Colonel* John Fleming, *deceased, in* Cumberland *County, on* Thursday *the* 21*st of* January *next, if fair, otherwise next fair Day*,

ABOUT fifty choice SLAVES, among whom there is a good Blacksmith, and several other valuable Tradesmen. Also Stocks of HORSES, CATTLE, and SHEEP, a large Quantity of CORN and FODDER, PLANTATION UTENSILS, and several other useful Articles. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond and Security to the Executor.

N. B. The Bonds are to carry Interest from the Date if not discharged when due.—An exceeding fine Plantation to be rented at any Time before the Sale.

RICHMOND, *December* 15, 1772.

I INTEND for *ENGLAND* soon.
JOHN ELAM, *Junior*.

To be RENTED,

THE STORE, COUNTING ROOM, and large WAREHOUSE, with many Divisions in it, wherein Mr. *William M'Wham* formerly kept Store. For Terms apply to me, in *Blandford*.
JOHN BAIRD.

COMMITTED to *York* Prison, a Negro Man named JACK, who says that he belongs to Captain *Robert Walker* of *Charles City*; he is five Feet seven or eight Inches high, has a Lump over his left Eye, and keeps it Half shut. He has on a blue Half-thicks Coat with white Metal Buttons, an Osnabrug Shirt and Trowsers, and *Virginia* made Stockings and Shoes. The Owner is desired to fetch him away, and pay Charges to WILLIAM MITCHELL.

CHESTERFIELD, *December* 15, 1772.

RUN away from the Subscriber, on *Sunday* the 22d of *November*, a new Negro Fellow of small Stature, and pitted with the Smallpox; he calls himself BONNA, and says he came from a Place of that Name in the *Ibo* Country, in *Africa*, where he served in the Capacity of a Canoe Man; his Clothing is a new Felt Hat, new Cotton Waistcoat and Breeches, and new Shoes and Stockings; his Stockings were knit, and spotted black and white. Whoever secures him so that I get him shall have TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward, besides what the Law allows. (2‖) RICHARD BOOKER.

STOLEN out of the Subscriber's Pasture the 22d of *October* last, a BAY HORSE about four Feet and a Half high, with some white Hairs on his Withers, paces and trots, and branded on the near Buttock I C P. Whoever delivers the said Horse to me, in the great Fork of *Culpeper*, or contrives me the Word where I may get him, shall have THIRTY SHILLINGS Reward.
JAMES POLLARD.

STOLEN from the Subscriber's Plantation in *Essex* County, on the 10th or 12th of *November* last, a likely BAY MARE about four Feet six or seven Inches high, very forward with Foal, has a Star in her Forehead, and on her Back, about six or seven Inches from her Ears, she has a white Streak which was occasioned by the Cut of a Rope, a dark hanging Mane and Switch Tail, white hind Legs, and is branded on the near Buttock RJ. Also a SUTTY coloured GRAY HORSE, four Years old last Spring, about four Feet six or seven Inches high, with a dark hanging Mane and Sprig Tail, cannot recollect that he is branded, but if he is it is RW on one of his Buttocks. Whoever will deliver the said Horse and Mare to the Subscriber shall have FIVE POUNDS Reward for both, or FIFTY SHILLINGS for either of them; and TWENTY POUNDS upon Conviction of the Thief, if a white Man. ROBERT P. WARING.

TAKEN up, in *Chesterfield*, a dark bay HORSE about ten or twelve Years old, four Feet eight or nine Inches high, with a Blaze Face, white hind Legs, paces, trots, and gallops. Posted, and appraised to twelve Pounds.
FRANCIS GOODE.

TAKEN up, a BLACK MARE about four Years old, four Feet three Inches high, a Star in her Forehead, not docked, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock ¶. Posted, and appraised to five Pounds.
(¶) ABRAM PAYN.

TAKEN up, in *Bedford*, a middle sized BLACK HORSE about ten Years old, has some Saddle Spots, and one of his Hips a little lower than the other, no Brand perceivable. Posted, and appraised to four Pounds. GEORGE CALDWELL.

TAKEN up, in *Albemarle*, a BRIGHT BAY MARE about four Feet seven Inches high, ten Years old, paces, trots, and gallops, had on a large Bell, and branded on the near Buttock C C in a Piece, and F F, the one above the other. Posted and appraised to six Pounds.
(‖) JESSE MOORE.

IF one *Doctor Mariner*, and his Son *James Mariner* who went from *Bristol* about the Year 1758 to *Virginia*, are living, they may hear of Something to their Advantage by applying at the Post Office in *Williamsburg*.

I have just come to Hand
A large SUPPLY of Doctor *NORRIS*'s
ANTIMONIAL DROPS,
Which are to be SOLD at my Shop,
IN WILLIAMSBURG.
WILLIAM PASTEUR.

SUSSEX, *December* 8, 1772.

FOR as much as (by Means no Way justifiable) my Son *John Thompson*, of *Prince George* County, hath got from me the Possession of my Negro Man *Charles*, and, as I am informed, hath delivered him to Mr. *James Baker* to make Sale of on his Account, for which he can have no Pretence of Right or Title, the said Negro being now, and always has been from his Birth, my absolute Property, I therefore, to prevent all Imposition upon the Unwary and Innocent, do give this publick Notice, of which I hope my Son, and Mr. *Baker* in particular, will attend to. JOHN THOMPSON.

POETS CORNER.

The FALL of the LEAF.

SEE the Leaves around ye falling,
Dry and wither'd to the Ground,
Thus to thoughtless Mortals calling,
In a sad and solemn Sound.

Sons of Adam, once in Eden,
When, like us, no blighted fell,
Hear the Lecture we are reading,
'Tis, alas! the Truth we tell.

Virgins much, too much, presuming
On your beauteous White and Red;
View us, late in Beauty blooming,
Number'd now among the Dead!

Griping Misers, nightly waking,
See the End of all your Care;
Lo! on Wings of our own making,
We have left our Owners bare.

Sons of Honour, fall in Praises,
Fluttering high in fainted Worth;
Lo! the fickle Air that raised
Brings us down to Parent Earth.

Learned Sires, in Systems jaded,
Who for new Ones daily call;
Confess, at length, by us perfuaded,
Every Leaf must have a Fall.

Youth, though yet no Loffes grieve you,
Gay in Health, and manly Grace,
Let not cloudless Skies deceive you,
Summer gives to Autumn Place.

On the Tree of Life eternal,
Man, in all thy Hopes be stay'd,
Where alone, for ever vernal,
Bears the Leaves that never fade.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, *New York, November* 1, 1772.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Account of the new Regulation of the Post from *Canada*, which is to arrive every *Tuesday* Evening at this Office, and the weekly Post from the Eastward and Southward arriving every *Wednesday*, the Mail going from hence by the Packets will, for the future, be closed at twelve o'Clock at Night, on the first *Wednesday* in every Month (being the same Time it closes at the General Post Office in *London* for *America*) and a Packet despatched therewith the next Day for *Falmouth*.

By Command of the Deputy Postmaster General.

(Tf) ALEXANDER COLDEN, Secretary.

HENRY FLEMING, Saddler in *Norfolk*, for his Partners *(Fisher* and *Bragg* of *Whitehaven)* and himself, begs leave to acquaint the Publick that since the Decease of Mr. *Edward Fisher*, late Saddler in this Place, he has engaged a sufficient Number of the best Workmen, to serve any who may be pleased to oblige him with their Custom for any of the under mentioned Articles, upon more reasonable Terms than they have hitherto been sold here; and to assure them that as their Leather, Trees, and other Materials, are all imported, and of the best Kind, their Saddles, &c. shall not only equal in Appearance those imported and sold at the same Prices, but in Reality be what he will warrant. He also returns his warmest Thanks to those who have already made Trial, and, from the Satisfaction they have met with, been pleased to recommend him to others.——*His Shop, and Store, will shortly be removed to the House at present occupied by* Maximilian Calvert, *Esquire.*

Mens and Womens Saddles, of every Kind and Fashion; Silver spigged, chirered, fringed, laced, feathered, buffed, or plain Houfings or Saddlecloths; neat fashionable *Turkey* striped and Swanskin Saddle Cloths; Mens and Womens Furniture Bridles; full three Quarters, Half Curb, Pelhams, and Snaffle Bridles of every Kind, with plated, polished, or chased Bits; Breaking Bridles; Martingales; Velvet and Leather Caps; Shoe Ruffs and Bags; Boot Garters; Surfingles, plain or padded; Girths; Cruppers; Saddle Bags; Portmanteaus; Horse Clothes, plain or lettered; Body Rollers; Coach, Chariot, and Chair Harness, plain or ornamented; Wagoon and Cart Ditto; Holsters, and every other Article in the Saddlery and Harness Branches.

SADDLES, HARNESS, &c. carefully repaired, COACHES, CHAIRS, &c. lined, MATRASSES made, and sundry other UPHOLSTERERS Work done upon reasonable Terms.

N. B. HARDWARE, NAILS, and imported SADDLERY, of *Fisher* and *Bragg*'s Manufacture, and a neat Assortment of other Goods, sold as usual, by Wholesale.

Chairmakers will have a reasonable Allowance on taking a Quantity of Harness.

TREASURY OFFICE, *December* 26, 1772.

I CANNOT sufficiently express my Astonishment that so little Punctuality was observed by many Collectors of the Duties and Taxes, as well as others indebted to the Treasury, in the Payments they ought to have made at the last General Court and the late Meeting of the Merchants. I know it has been insinuated by some that I am inclined to be over rigorous, but let all such consider how very essential it is to the Honour of this great Country that the Credit of its publick Treasury should be effectually maintained, and let them inform me how I am to answer the Demands of the publick Creditors, and be prepared to exchange the Treasury Notes, unless the Duties and Taxes imposed for those Purposes are regularly collected and paid.

When I had the Honour of being first appointed to this Office it is very well known how Matters stood; many Collectors, largely indebted, were dead, and I found many innocent Securities unhappily involved in the greatest Difficulties. Under these Circumstances I judged it most advisable to endeavour Things to Order by Degrees, having Regard to the ultimate Security of the Publick. By pursuing this Method I am convinced much has been saved, and flatter myself it will be found that very few, if any, Debts will be lost which were not desperate before I had any Thing to do with them. But Indulgencies of every Kind must now be at an End, and my Duty compels me to acquaint all concerned that I shall hold myself indispensably obliged, without Respect of Persons, to put the Laws into the strictest Execution against all such as continue in Arrear after the 25th of *January* next, when another general Meeting of the Merchants is expected; and that I shall, in future, after the End of every General Court, think it necessary to publish an exact List of every Defaulter. I desire the several Clerks to send me the proper Lists and Copies of the Collectors Bonds given from Time to Time, that I may be prepared to enforce a Performance of the Conditions of them. I must also request the several High Sheriffs to make up their Accounts for their respective Counties at once; and, to avoid the Confusion that may be occasioned here at the Office by the Remissness of many Under Sheriffs, as well as other Collectors, I declare, once for all, that I will receive no partial Payments.

Finding that such Part of the Fund as was expected to arise from Ordinary Licenses is likely to be diminished, and it having been represented to me that this is owing to many Ordinary Keepers failing to renew their Licenses regularly, I must beg it as a Favour of the Gentlemen Deputy Attornies to give some Attention to this Business, and I will, on Demand, pay all Fees that may arise in such Prosecutions as they may think necessary to engage in, where they cannot be had of the Delinquents.

(6) RO. C. NICHOLAS, Treasurer.

For SALE, *upon very reasonable Terms,*

THE following Tracts of LAND, namely: That pleasantly situated Seat on *James* River, in *Prince George* County, called MAYCOX, opposite to *Westover*. This Place, I presume, is so generally known that a more particular Description of it would be unnecessary. Also a Tract of a Hundred Acres, in the same County, commonly called the MILL QUARTER, about seven Miles from *Maycox*; the Soil is good for *Indian* Corn. A Tract on *Blackwater*, containing a Thousand Acres, lying in *Prince George* County also, about twelve Miles from *Blandford*, with very good Soil for *Indian* Corn and Wheat. Another Tract, containing about thirteen Hundred Acres, lying partly in *Prince George*, and partly in *Dinwiddie*, one Mile from *Petersburg*, and two from *Blandford*; the Soil is exceeding good for Wheat and *Indian* Corn. The two last mentioned Tracts are in good Order for Cropping with five or six Hands. Also a Tenement of twenty five Acres, adjoining the Town of *Petersburg*, whereon is a Dwellinghouse, Kitchen, and all other necessary Outhouses, several Lumber Houses, and about four Acres of Meadow Ground enclosed for Pasturage, which may be greatly improved at a small Expense. This Place is well calculated for a Gentleman in Trade, having a very good Landing, lies within a Hundred Yards of *Robert Bolling*'s Tobacco Warehouses, and on both Sides of the main Road leading to all the Warehouses on *Appamattox* River. The two first mentioned Tracts may be entered upon the first Day of *January* 1773; the others cannot be delivered till the first Day of *January* 1774, unless the Purchasers will take the Negroes, Stocks, &c. thereon at their Value. Any Person inclinable to purchase either of the above mentioned Tracts is desired to apply to the Subscriber, in *Petersburg*.

On *Friday* the 15th of *January* next, if fair, otherwise next fair Day, will be sold to the highest Bidder, at the Subscriber's Plantation on *Sapony* Creek, in *Dinwiddie* County, about twenty very likely NEGROES, consisting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, chiefly *Virginia* born. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond and good Security, and, if not punctually discharged, to carry Interest from the Date.

BOLLING STARKE,
Attorney for *George M'Murdo* and *John Rowenscroft*.

To be SOLD *at* Hanover *Courthouse, on the* 4th *of* February *next, if fair, otherwise next fair Day,*

ABOUT twelve choice *Virginia* born SLAVES. A Credit will be allowed the Purchasers till the 1st of *May* next, on giving Bond and good Security. If the Money arising from the Sale is not paid on the Day it becomes due, Interest is to be paid from the Date of the Bond. (4tf)

To be RENTED, *and entered on immediately, for the Remainder of my Term, being four Years from the first of* January *next,*

THE large BRICK HOUSE on the main Street, in *Williamsburg*, together with the WOODEN STORE and other Improvements thereunto belonging. The whole Rent I am under Obligation to pay to Doctor *Carter* is fifty Pounds a Year, and the above mentioned Premises for fifteen Pounds. RICHARD DAVIS.

COMMITTED to *Surry* County Jail, on *Sunday* the 13th Instant *(December)* a very likely Negro Fellow about forty Years of Age, who calls himself LEWY, says he belongs to *Hansford Rose* of *Gloucester*, and that he lived in *Brunswick*, under *Reuben Martin*. He is lusty, and well made, about five Feet seven or eight Inches high, and rather of a yellowish Complexion, has on a good Felt Hat, Osnabrug Shirt, an old brown Coat, blue Breeches, Negro Cotton Waistcoat, and good Shoes and Buckles; he has also with him new Osnabrugs for two Shirts which are not quite made, one white Linen Shirt, a good Osnabrug Coat, white *Russia* Drill, with Thread and Buttons enough for a Pair of Breeches, which are not quite made, a Pair of old Crimson Shag Breeches, a Pair of blue Worsted Stockings, a Pair of white Yarn ditto footed with mixed Yarn, and an old blue *Virginia* Cloth Waistcoat faced with brown or Snuff coloured Shalloon. The Owner is desired to prove his Property, pay Charges, and take him away.

DRURY WARREN, Jailer.

NEWCASTLE, *December* 9, 1772.

THIS is to give Notice that no Assignment, or Assignments, of Bonds or Notes, given by Mr. *Joseph Thrupp*, late of this Colony, to Mr. *Thomas Simpson*, of *Hanover* Town, bearing Date some Time in *September* last, and endorsed by me, will be good, as I do not think myself liable for the Payment of any Part thereof.

All Persons indebted to *Joseph Thrupp*, and *Joseph* and *John Thrupp*, are desired to take Notice that Payment is to be made to Colonel *John Syme*, who is properly empowered to receive the same.

JAMES OVERTON, Junior.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, last *Thursday* Night, the 10th Instant *(December)* a bay MARE fourteen Hands and a Half high, well made, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, a Blaze Face, and a Mixture of white Hairs on her Rump, paces a little, and trots and gallops very well. Whoever delivers her to me, in *Williamsburg*, shall have TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward.

JOHN SAUNDERS.

For SALE, *in the Town of* NEWCASTLE,

A LARGE two Story DWELLINGHOUSE, with three commodious Rooms on a Floor, each with a Fireplace. It is exceedingly well calculated for a Tavern, and is pleasantly situated near the River. The Terms may be known of the Subscriber, near the Premises.

(1f) W. JOHNSON.

RUN away from the subscriber, at *Petersburg*, about the Middle of *September* last, a very likely Negro Man named PHILL, about twenty Years of Age, of a yellow Complexion, and about five Feet nine Inches high, proportionably made. He is a Native of *Africa*, but speaks broken *English*, having been some Years in the *West Indies*, and has lost two Joints off two of his Fingers on his right Hand. Had on, when he went away, an Osnabrugg Shirt, an old *Virginia* Cloth Waistcoat, with a new Negro Cotton Jacket over it, and a Pair of old Check Trousers. As he has been used to the Sea, he will probably endeavour to get on Board some Ship and make his Escape out of the Colony; all Masters of Vessels are therefore forewarned from harbouring or carrying him off, at their Peril.

I will give THREE POUNDS Reward to any Person who will deliver said Slave to me, or to Mr. *Hugh M'Mein* at *Portsmouth*, and FORTY SHILLINGS to secure him in any Jail, and give Notice thereof.

(tf) THOMAS GORDON.

THE Subscriber has for Sale about seven Thousand Acres of LAND, four Thousand of which lie in the County of *Buckingham*, known by the Name of the *Buckingham* Tract, and is all very valuable high Land; the other Tract, which lies on both Sides of *Willis*'s Creek, in the Counties of *Buckingham* and *Cumberland*, contains upwards of four Hundred Acres of exceeding rich low Ground, and very good high Land, with Tobacco Houses, and others, sufficient for twenty Hands. It will be sold in Lots, or altogether, as may be agreed on, and will be shown by Mr. *Cary Harrison*, at the Fork of *Willis*'s Creek. For Terms apply to (8) ARCHIBALD CARY.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND in *Prince Edward*, containing six Hundred Acres, lying near *Spring* Creek; it is all Woodland, and the Soil well calculated for Tobacco or Grain. The Terms may be known by applying to ANDREW MACKENZIE.

For SALE,

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE ACRES OF LAND, IN *HALIFAX* COUNTY, *NORTH CAROLINA.*

THE said Land lies about six Miles above *Halifax* Town, is well wooded and watered, the Soil good for Corn, Wheat, &c. and affords as good Range, for Stock of all Kinds, as any Land in the County. There is a remarkable fine Apple Orchard on the Place, a good Dwelling-House, and sundry Outhouses. For Terms apply to Mr. *William Hendrie*, who lives near the Premises, or to.

(10f) JAMES AULD.

KEYSER's PILLS,

FOR EFFECTUALLY REMOVING EVERY APPEARANCE OF

A CERTAIN FASHIONABLE DISTEMPER,

and curing Infections of more than seven Years Continuance.

MANY Gentlemen, who have been long tormented, without the least Prospect of getting rid of the *French Malady*, have lately tried this Medicine, and been perfectly recovered by it. Any Person desirous of being made more particularly acquainted, than can be decently communicated in an Advertisement, with the astonishing Recovery, even of Infants at the Breast, who had been born with horrible Degrees of the Infection, by applying where they are sold, will meet with the greatest Encouragement to try a Method the easiest and safest, and so secret that the Patient may be cured without any Person about him, Servant or others, harbouring the least Suspicion of poor *Pill Garlick*'s lamentable Circumstances.

None need to dread being condemned to a painful Salivation, be his Symptoms ever so shocking, for it cures when that and every other Resource have failed; and it cures too without Pain, Confinement, or hinting a fair Reputation. Indeed, the only unfavourable Tendency in Doctor *Keyser*'s Pills is, they recover the Patient without chastising, and thereby give him a Patent to sin again.

Great Effects have been very lately produced by them in the Rheumatism; several, whose Knees, Shoulders, Elbows, and other Joints, have been increased to treble the usual Size, unable to walk, denied the Comforts of Life, with total Loss of Appetite, and altogether deprived of Sleep at Night, have, after several Years Affliction, been restored to the most comfortable Enjoyment of every Faculty.

They are sold, in Boxes of five Dollars, and two Dollars and a Half, at *John Minson Galt*'s Shop in *Williamsburg*.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT eleven Hundred Acres of LAND in *Orange* County, thirty Miles from *Fredericksburg*, on the Road to the Courthouse. For Particulars inquire of Captain *Reuben Daniel*, who is empowered to treat for the same. The Land may be laid off in Parcels, as best suits, twelve Months allowed the Purchasers, and an indisputable Title will be made.

(Tf) GEORGE DANIEL.

TWENTY POUNDS REWARD

FOR apprehending JOHN HUTCHINSON, who ran away last Night from the Subscriber, in *Lancaster*. He is a Blacksmith by Trade, a likely stout Man, about five Feet ten or eleven Inches high, wore his own short dark Hair, and is a *Yorkshireman*, which may be easily known by his Dialect, is much given to Drink, and in which he is apt to be very noisy. He took with him a brown Duroy Coat, lined with white Durant or Tammy; also a brown Water Dog with a white Face, which I expect is still with him, as he was a great Favourite. A short Time before he ran off he broke open the House of Mr. *Anthony M'Rahe*, and stole about forty Pounds. The above Reward will be paid to any Person who delivers the said Runaway and Cash, or TEN POUNDS for him alone, and FIVE POUNDS to have him secured in any Jail within this Colony.

NOVEMBER 4, 1772. (Tf) THOMAS POLLARD.

A VENDUE,

For the SALE of MERCHANDISE, &c. is held by

JOHN HART,

In PHILADELPHIA, at the Corner of *South* and *Front* Streets.

*** Those that please to favour him with their Custom may depend on his best Endeavours to render satisfactory Sales. (12)

KING GEORGE, *November* 12, 1772.

AS I intend for *Britain* next Spring, I would be glad to dispose of the Plantation whereon I now live, containing about four Hundred Acres of LAND, whereon are several valuable Peach and Apple Orchards. The House is large and commodious, with all necessary Outhouses, and commands a most agreeable Prospect of both *Potowmack* and *Rappahannock* Rivers. For Terms apply to the Subscriber, on the Premises, within two Miles of *Leeds*.

(tf) THOMAS OSWALD.

WARWICK, *October* 25, 1772.

AS the Store formerly kept by *Alexander Stewart* at *Rocky Ridge*, for *James* and *Robert Donald*, and Company, is now broke up, and the Debts put into my Hands to collect, all those indebted for Dealings there are desired to pay off their Accounts immediately, or settle their Balances by Bond; and those who have any Demands against the Store are desired to apply to me for Payment.

(tf) PATRICK HUNTER.

*** Who has for Sale a TRACT of LAND lying on the Forks of *Roanoke*, in *Mecklenburg* County, containing about six Hundred Acres, on which is an exceeding good Dwelling-House, Storehouse, and other necessary Buildings, as also several valuable Improvements. As the Land lies within sixteen Miles of the Courthouse, and eighty from *Petersburg*, it would answer any Person very well who intends keeping a back Store.

WARWICK, *November* 1, 1772.

THE Subscriber has for Sale about five Thousand Acres of LAND lying in different Parts of *Pittsylvania* County, and mostly upon *Smith*'s River, the Soil of which is well calculated either for making Tobacco or Hemp. The Terms may be known by applying to *John Rowland*, who lives near the Land, and will show it to any Person inclining to purchase.

(tf) PATRICK HUNTER.

For SALE,

A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND lying on both Sides of *Hunting* Creek, in *Halifax* County, containing five Hundred Acres, the Soil of which is exceeding good for Tobacco and Corn. There is a small Plantation cleared on the Land, which has been tended but a few Years, and two Tobacco Houses, an Overseer's House, and Negro Quarter almost new. Any Person inclinable to purchase may apply to Colonel *Paul Carrington*, in *Charlotte*, who will show the Land, and is fully empowered to dispose of it. (tf)

To be SOLD,

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of exceeding good TOBACCO LAND in *Stafford* County, on the Branches of *Aquia* and *Potowmack* Runs, extremely well timbered and watered, twelve Miles from *Falmouth*, and ten from *Aquia*. One Half the Land rents for thirty Pounds a Year; there is a small Plantation on the other Part the Land, and a Mill near the Plantation, if not privately sold, will be set up at twelve Hundred Pounds, on the 10th of *October* next. Also eleven Hundred Acres of Land on *Rocky* Run, in *Fauquier* County, the Rents of which amount to four Thousand one Hundred and thirty Pounds of Tobacco; either in Lots, or altogether, as may suit the Purchasers. An indisputable Title will be made to the Land, by the Trustees of *Charles Carter*. Tf

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